

RELATION OF

The Manner of the taking
OF

Sir George Booth,

*On Tuesday Night last, at Newport-
Pannel, being Disguised in Womans Apparel. With his Speech
to Mr. John Gibbs, Minister of the Town, upon the
entring of His Chamber.*

*Likewise, the Parliaments Resolve,
touching the said Sir George; And the Order for committing
of Him Close Prisoner to the Tower of London for
High-Treason, on Wednesday in the Evening; and
to be kept from having the use of Pen, Ink,
or Paper.*

*Also, his Examination in the Tower,
by Sir Henry Vane, and Sir Arthur Haslerigg;*

According to Order of Parliament.

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He Parliament having received a Letter from the Lord *Lambert*, giving an account of the Defeat and routing of the Forces under the command of Sir *Geo. Booth*, near *Northwich* in *Cheshire*, another Express likewise came on *Tuesday* morning, of their taking of the City of *Chester*; A perfect Narrative whereof, together with the Dispute and Engagement, we shall here impartially communicate, viz.

The Lord *Lambert* understanding that Sir *George Booth* was marching towards him with an intention to fight, drew out his Army into Battalia on Friday morning last, near *Northwich*, where the Enemy quar-

quartered that night; who being discovered, drew out of the Town amongst the Inclosures, where it was impossible for horse to do service, and not without difficulty for the Foot to break through. Nevertheless the Lord *Lambert* presently drew out a party to engage them, and after a short dispute, and some small skirmishes, (but gallant volleys,) they quitted their ground, and retreated from hedge to hedge, yet in that order as they suffered very little damage, it being impossible for our horse to fall in amongst them; and at length drew back to *Winington* Bridge, behind which they retreated, without any other loss than that of Reputation, and discouragement in meeting with those whom they found of equal courage, but engaged in a better Cause. Their next endeavour was to secure the Bridge, where they drew up their Foot on both sides, and their horse upon a Hill behind them; great Advantages they had, both in regard the River was unfordable, the Bridge narrow, flanker'd with a strong Ditch on the Farr-end, and the Hill so high, up which no horse could pass otherwise than along the side in a narrow path. But the Van of our foot, which was *Col. Hemsons* Regiment, advanced up with 3 Troops of horse within half Pistol shot, receiving two volleys of shot from the Enemy: Upon which we charging, the Enemies foot threw down their Arms, quit their station, and fled to their horse, scrambling up the Hill, after their flying Colours. Major *Creed* pursued with a party of horse; and marching up the Hill in pursuance of the Enemy, who had rallied some foot on the top of the Hill, they fired on him, but he answering their charge, their horse fled. But, to speak truth, they fought gallantly at the first; and, to the same of both it may be said, the action

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on of the horse was performed on both sides like *Eng-lish-men*. We had the pursuit of them above a quarter of a mile, where they again made Head, but were routed, and thereupon their Horse and Foot fled on all hands, and our work was onely to give them Chase. Most of their Foot got into Inclosures, and escaped; our wearied Foot not able to overtake them, nor possible for the horse to get to them.

During the time of this Dispute, the enemy had left in *Northwich* two Companies of Foot, and two Troops of horse; which when the Lord *Lambert* heard of, sent the Adjutant General, with Cap. *Evanston's* Troop, and a Troop of Dragoons, who advancing up to the bridge and firing upon them, the enemy drew off in good order; but not being able to make their retreat, was reured, and pursued within 2 or 3 miles of *Manchester*. For the number slain and hurt, we shall refer you to the Letter hereunto annexed, sent from a Surgeon in the Army, to his Friend in *London*; a true Copy whereof followeth:

SIR,

I Am now (blessed be God) furnished with Newes for you: no less then the routing and total defeating of Sir *George Booth's* Army this day. Yesterday we marched from *Nantwich*, (having stayed for some time there to refresh our men, and the coming up of the rest of our Foot) intending to march to *Tarpoley* within 7. miles of *Chester*: but understanding by some Warrants of theirs; by which they had required Provisions to be brought to them that morning for 5500 Foot and Horse; that they were for a March; and having certain Intelligence they marched towards *Northwich*, my Lord altered his first Intentions,

tentions, and marched after them over the Forrest of
Delamore: and when we were a little entred upon the
 Forrest, we discerned their Body; It being a fine
 Champion, we made all the halte we could: but
 they marched off the Forrest before we could come
 up; onely our Scouts fell upon their Rear, and took
 some prisoners; but night coming on, hindred any
 further action; and so we marched into *Waram*, and
 they into *Northwich*, two miles distant. This morn-
 ing we drew out as soon as we could see, & gave them
 a great Alarm, and drew into Battalia upon *Hartford*
Green, between *Waram* and *Northwich*; and they drew
 forth of *Northwich* towards us, as though they would
 have fought; but we pressing upon them, their Van
 marched over *Winnington* Bridge leading to *Warring-*
ton, thinking to escape us: but We fell on upon their
 Rear, and put them to flight: They thought to have
 kept the Bridge, which was of great advantage to
 them, and disadvantage to Us; they having at the
 end of the Bridge, Hedges and a Bank: yet after a short
 Dispute, our Foot undauntedly marched over the
 Bridge, and put them to rout, up a high Hill, where
 their Horse were drawn up, and the hedges lined with
 Foot; from whence also they were quickly beat, and
 put to a total rout, throwing down Arms & Colours,
 and we had the pursuit of them a great way in Lanes
 and Inclosures: Their Foot are all broke and di-
 sperst; If it had been a Champion Countrey, few of
 them had escaped to carry home Newes. One party
 of them fled to *Chester*, and another to *Warrington*; the
 Horse are still in the pursuit of them: One is return-
 ed from our horse, who brings word, that Major *Creed*
 pursued them within 5. miles of *Chester*, and went
 still on. Our wearied Foot returned here from the
 pursuit about twelve or one of the clock to Quarters.
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Here are in the Church about 200 prisoners. I cannot give you particulars, divers are killed: I do not know or hear of any we have had killed, and but a few wounded, and I hope none mortally; I was with them, and drest some few. We had a sore March upon *Thursday*, but God carried us therowall; and with that Courage and Alacrity, that I have not seen. Our Men went on with such Shouts and Acclamations, that I think astonished the Enemy. The terror of the Lord of Hosts was surely upon them. Communicate this, that God may have the glory. I rest. &c.

My Lord marches to morrow to *Chester*, and also sends a smart party to *Warrington* and *Manchester*.
Northwich, Aug.

19. 1659.

POSTSCRIPT.

The Enemy left in *Chester* 4. Companies of Foot, a Troop of Horse, besides what escap'd thither from the Fight near *Northwich*, and what that disaffected City will afford in Townesmen. Sir *George Booth* flying with some horse toward *Chester*, was pursued by Major *Creed* within two miles of the City. Another party of them running towards *Manchester*, were pursued by Col. *Swallow*; and Col. *Ireland*, with 100 horse, ran towards *Liverpool*. Their Horse at first were a gallant Body, about 1800. The Officers taken prisoners, are, viz. Col. *William Massey*. Major *Harrison*, lately a Capt. in the Parliaments Army. Cap. *Philip Egerton*. Major *James Scotfield*. Cap. *Martland*. Capt. *Smith*. Sir *Richard Grosvenor's* son. Capt. *Cosel*. Capt. *Stutley*. Capt. *Davies*. Lieut. *Davies*. Lieut. *Seare*. Cornet *Gill*. Ensign *ward*. Ensign *Langshaw*; and *John Bromley* of *Wolverhampton*, Gent.

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Sir *George Booth* having made his escape from the Fight at *Winington Bridge*, near *Northwich*; having no other game to play, but being upon the Run, disguised himself in *Womans Apparel*, and on *Tuesday* night last came with four Servants to an Inn in *Newport pannel* in *Bedfordshire*, in hope to have escaped to *London*, and had four Persons with him in the habit of Servants; behind one of those Gentlemen Sir *George* rode in the habit of a Gentlewoman, but alighting in the Inn, He acted the *Womans* part not so well, but that he was soon suspected; for fingering of his Mask, and tiffing with his signers about his silk Pericoat, the Inn-Keeper made a discovery thereof to Mr. *Gibbs* Minister of the Town, who calling about six or seven more to his assistance, beset the House, and immediately entred the Chamber: demanding where the Gentlewoman was; they answered, they could not tell; but seizing the Gentlemen, and making a privy search for their Mistress, at length she withdrew from behind the Hangings; saying, *I am the unfortunate Man, called Sir George Booth, I desire Quarter, and pray use me like a Gent'eman*; which they did, securing of his Servants all night, and about four a Clock on *Wednesday* morning conducted him from that Town towards *London*; which the House hearing of, Ordered, that Lievt. General *Fleetwood* do forthwith send a sufficient Guard for the safe conducting of Sir *George Booth* to the Tower of *London*, and there to deliver him to the Lievt. nant of the Tower, to be by him kept close Prisoner for High Treason, in levying War against the Parliament and Commonwealth, and that no Person be suffered to speak with Him without leave of the Parliament, or by direction: and that he be kept from having the use of Pen, Ink, and Paper. And it being referred to a Committee to take his Examination in the Tower; Sir *Arthur Haslrigg*, and Sir *Henry Vane*, was Ordered to examine him, and report his Examination to the House.

It is Ordered, That the Persons taken in the company of Sir *George Booth* be forthwith sent for and secured, with all the Papers and Writings about them.

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